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Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to Adult Level three Critical Care beds.

You asked:

- 1. How many Adult Level three Critical Care beds do you currently have with an invasive ventilator?
- 2. How many of these are currently staffed and therefore available for use (either vacant or occupied)?
- 3. When considering relevant guidelines concerning these beds, how many have Carbon Dioxide (CO2) monitoring available for Invasively ventilated patients?
- 4. Thinking about the new (January 2022) NICE Guidelines concerning inhaled sedation, how many of your Level three beds have inhaled anaesthetic gas monitoring available?

Trust response:

- 1. Physical beds with an invasive ventilator 10 at Maidstone Hospital 15 at Tunbridge Wells Hospital.
- 2. Current staffed level 3 beds 6 at Maidstone Hospital, 12 at Tunbridge Wells Hospital.
- 3. CO2 monitoring available on 8 beds at Maidstone and 9 beds at Tunbridge Wells. (mixture of modules and cables attached to ventilator monitoring)
- 4. We currently have no anaesthetic gas monitoring on any of our level 3 beds on either site.